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COAL PRODUCTION TO INCREASE

TO OPEN NEW MINES, COAL SEAMS -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec,
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Yugoslav coal production is expected to be 53 percent greater by the end of 1953 than in 1950, while the increase in the number of workers will be only 11 percent. Investments for coal production in 1951 and 1952 will amount to 7,300,000,000 dinars. These investments alone should result in a 26-percent increase in production. Of the total investments, 44 percent will be spent for opening new mines and mechanizing old ones. The remaining investments will be spent on opening new coal seams. During 1951 and 1952, coal mines will acquire 930 million dinars' worth of machines. Large investments will be made in the Istrian coal basin (Rasa and Podlabin), where deeper seams of coal will be opened, and the mine at Pican will be made ready for exploitation.

The main part of the investments will be spent on large coal fields where coal can be mined at the surface. Production in open pits is expected to be 275 percent greater by the end of 1953 than it was in 1950. Large investments will be made in the Kolubara coal basin, which is expected to be producing 27 percent of the total Yugoslav production at the end of 1953.

Attention will be paid mainly to mining lignite, the reserves of which are about five times as great as those of brown coal. The four largest Yugoslav lignite mines, the Kolubara, Kostolac, Kreka, and Velenje mines, which produced 68 percent of all the coal produced in Yugoslavia in 1950, will be producing 82 percent of the total production at the end of 1953. The total Yugoslav lignite production will be almost doubled in 3 years.

At present, separators are being erected in Kolubara, Kakanj, and Zenica.

RIJEKA REFINERY INCREASES PRODUCTION -- Belgrade, Borba, 11 Feb 51

As compared with prewar production, (1939 equals 100), the production of the petroleum refinery in Rijeka was 10.6 percent in 1946, 33.2 percent in 1947, 97.3 percent in 1948, 157.4 percent in 1949, and 180.5 percent in 1950.

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